

## BENEVOLENT PORTUGUESE

### San Antonio Benefit Society's History.

#### It Has Paid Out Large Amounts in Regular Benefactions.

Last Year's Surplus \$5220—Membership in Good Standing 1065.

The truth of the old adage, "In union is strength," is well known to our hard-working Lusitanian fellow citizens, and an excellent confirmation of this fact may be found in the Portuguese Benefit Society of San Antonio (named after the patron saint of Portugal), which celebrated its twenty-seventh birthday on the opening day of this year, having been founded on the 1st day of January, 1877. Its first president was the late esteemed Mr. J. Perry, Portuguese Consul and father of the Hon. A. Perry, Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii. During the earlier years of its existence, Mr. Perry, the president, experienced many difficulties in building up the society, owing chiefly to the limited number of Portuguese then living in these islands, yet nevertheless its general fund and membership gradually increased with the arrival of the

numerous immigrants introduced from the Azores and Madeira.

In 1889 the San Antonio Society was incorporated under the laws of the Hawaiian Islands, and from that time it increased rapidly both in capital and members until 1895 when it possessed about \$9000 in cash and a roll of members mounting close up to 700. Unfortunately at this latter date the society suffered a severe financial loss through the defalcation of its treasurer, C. L. Brito, who at that period was not required to give a surety bond. The news that the society had been robbed by its treasurer, with the connivance of others, soon got spread abroad, and so disheartened the members, that, with the exception of a small body of fifty or so, all of them abandoned the society, believing that it was perfectly useless to carry on the society any longer. The parties who happened to be then its office bearers, wished to disincorporate the society, and on this proposal not being carried into effect, they threw up the sponge and resigned in a body.

However, the few members that remained, did not lose heart, but determined to make a fresh start and try and rebuild on a surer foundation. They believed that the existence in their midst of a society formed for such a good purpose as the San Antonio was essential to the welfare of the large Portuguese colony settled in Hawaii. They, therefore, even in spite of many discouragements, continued resolutely to persevere in their efforts to restart the institution and worked hard in brotherly fashion to spread forth on all hands the valuable benefits to be derived from becoming a member of the society. If must now be a matter of great satisfaction to these gentlemen to know that their arduous and unselfish labors on behalf of their fellow-countrymen have been crowned with entire success.

According to the directors' report for 1903 presented at the annual meeting, the society's affairs are now on a sure and solid basis. The receipts for 1903 amounted to \$21,494.45, and the disbursements to \$16,274.46, thus making an increase in the society's funds, as the result of the year's operations, of \$5,219.99. During the past year the society disbursed \$7,225.60 in sick benefits and in addition thereto \$1,441 in pensions to invalids (sick and incurable). There was also \$4,906.75 paid over to the widows and orphans of deceased members.

At the annual reunion of the society, the retiring president, J. P. Rodriguez, in an interesting valedictory address, mentioned that within the last eight years, i. e., since the date of the treasurer's embezzlement and the consequent reconstruction of the society, there had been paid out to the members of the society in sick benefits \$28,888 and to widows and orphans of deceased members \$25,250, or together the large sum of \$54,138. At the close of 1903 there were 1065 members in good standing and the capital funds had increased to \$25,000.

A few years ago the society erected on its own freehold lot on the mauka side of Vineyard street near Emma, a fine two-story lodge building, generally known as the San Antonio hall.

The board of directors, who are a body of enthusiastic and progressive young men, look forward confidently to a large increase in the membership of the society during the current year. The following officers have been installed to serve for the ensuing term: Jose de Frias, president; J. S. Azevedo, vice-president; J. P. Rodriguez, treasurer; J. F. Durao, secretary.

Board of Directors—J. S. Azevedo, Jr., president; M. R. Bisho, secretary; J. C. Oliveira, J. F. Nobrega and J. B. Silva.

### HOWLAND WILL BE ENGINEER

At a meeting of the Territorial Executive Committee yesterday it was decided to recommend C. Hastings Howland to Supt. Holloway for appointment as consulting engineer, Marston Campbell's old place. The only other name presented to the committee was that of Guy Gere, and as it was understood that Gere would retain his place as traveling engineer Howland was given the preference.

Mr. Howland has up to the present been doing engineering work for Puna and Olaa plantations and is a competent man.

### GORMAN WILL BE ELKS' CAPTAIN

At a meeting of the Elks Lodge held yesterday afternoon Frank Richardson was elected as manager of the team for the lodge, F. M. Brooks declining reelection.

Captain J. B. Gorman was chosen to captain the team. Twelve men announced themselves in readiness for practice and the new team will be practically the same as that which represented the Elks during last season.

#### Open Teachers' Meeting.

The Teachers' Association will meet at the High School at 7:30 o'clock this evening. Principal M. M. Scott will speak on the question, "What shall be done with the pupil whose work is unsatisfactory?" after which there will be a general discussion of the matter. Pupils fail to do good work for several different reasons and different methods of treatment must be used accordingly. Under the present graded system, this is a vital question in school management. Parents and others who are interested are invited to attend and take part in the discussion. It is hoped that there will be a very large attendance of teachers.

Fresh water bathing a feature on the Heights.

## FORESTER HOSMER WILL TOUR HAMAKUA AND KOHALA



RALPH S. HOSMER, SUPERINTENDENT OF FORESTRY.

Ralph S. Hosmer, the new Superintendent of Forestry, who arrived on the Siberia last week takes active charge of forestry matters in Hawaii today, when he will leave for an inspection of the Kohala and Hamakua districts. Since his arrival Mr. Hosmer has been in conference with various members of the Board of Forestry and Agriculture over forestry matters, but he does not intend to outline his policy until after a general inspection tour, although it will follow out on general lines that suggested by Forester W. H. Hall on his recent visit to Hawaii.

"I will leave in the Kinaiu tomorrow with A. W. Carter of the Board of Agriculture and Forestry for an inspection of the Kohala and Hamakua forests," said Mr. Hosmer yesterday. The tour will probably take from two to three weeks and I shall make my headquarters at Waimea and other ranches in the two districts.

"The forest plan in that portion of the Islands is perhaps the most pressing of any in the group. I shall get in touch with conditions there first and after my return, about the first of the month, will be occupied in getting the organization of the forestry division perfected. As soon as I can, it is my intention to make trips to all the islands and to study conditions on the ground, and then draw up a general policy for the forest administration of the Territory.

"Since my arrival on the Siberia I have been in close touch with the members of the board, Mr. Thurston, Mr. Giffard, Mr. Carter and Mr. Brown, and have also had conferences with Governor Carter and the Territorial officers interested in forestry work. "As assistant chief of the Division of Forest Extension I have been in touch with Mr. Hall and I am acquainted with the general policy outlined by him on his visit to Hawaii. Mr. Hall's report will soon be in the hands of the Board of Agriculture and Forestry. As

soon as I have had an opportunity to visit and inspect personally the forests of the different Islands I shall be in a position to make some definite recommendations myself."

#### SKETCH OF FORESTER.

Mr. Hosmer is a Massachusetts man and has spent the most of his life in and about Boston. He is a graduate of Harvard, 1894, and holds the degree of Bachelor of Agricultural Science from that institution. He also holds the degree Master of Forestry from Yale University, and was a member of the first graduating class from the Yale Forest School, receiving his degree in 1902. During his term there Mr. Hosmer also acted as one of the instructors, giving lectures in forest measurement, having been granted a furlough for that purpose by the Bureau of Forestry.

Since the spring of 1896 Mr. Hosmer has been connected with the United States Department of Agriculture; for two and a half years in the division, now the Bureau, of Soils; and since November, 1898, he has been with the Bureau of Forestry. Mr. Hosmer was one of the first professional foresters whom Mr. Gifford Pinchot gathered around him after he became head of the bureau in July, 1898.

Mr. Hosmer's work with the Bureau of Forestry has been largely in the northeastern part of the country until this summer, when he was placed in charge of the cooperative investigation carried on by the Bureau of Forestry and the State of California in the southern part of the State.

In connection with his work in the Adirondacks in New York State, Mr. Hosmer with Eugene S. Bruce published a pamphlet on "A Forestry Working Plan for Township 40," which is one of the tracts owned by the State in the Adirondack forest reserve. Mr. Hosmer also published in the last annual report of the Forest Commissioner of Maine "A Study of the Spruce on Cut-Over Lands in Maine," being the result of a season's work on a tract of land near Moosehead Lake.

Mr. Hosmer is accompanied to Honolulu by his mother, Mrs. George Herbert Hosmer, who will make her home with her son in Honolulu.

## LOS ANGELES MAN MAKES GOOD TOURIST SUGGESTIONS

Arthur W. Fisher, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Public Library, is a guest at one of the hotels. Mr. Fisher came here to recover from illness and has found Honolulu all he imagined it to be. "This soft, balmy atmosphere does me good," he said yesterday. "You have a charming spot. It is a revelation. Besides the country is capable of such magnificent development."

"I am much interested in your tourist campaign," added Mr. Fisher, "but I fear you are scattering your ammunition and not aiming at the mark. You try to get tourists from everywhere instead of concentrating your efforts on the point, which is Los Angeles, where all the tourists gather."

"Wouldn't Los Angeles object?" was asked of Mr. Fisher, "to any Island scheme to deprive her of her tourist customers?"

"Not if there was any form of reciprocity. For instance if your people would put a steamship on the route between here and Los Angeles and give us a part of the business you now send to San Francisco the tourist matter could be arranged. We wouldn't risk losing the general trade for what tourists the vessel would carry. Besides it would bring some of your people back. Then you must remember that the 300,000 people living in Southern California travel some and that the interest among them in regard to Hawaii is widespread. Put on a steamer and hundreds of our folks will visit you."

"Los Angeles can sell you all that you can buy in San Francisco and at the same prices. Our city controls the wholesale trade of Southern California and Arizona. You want our staples and other products; we want your varied fruits, particularly your bananas and pineapples. Of the latter there are not enough for cargo lots but if Los Angeles could arrange to do your sugar refining it might turn in and help you fight the trust for a division of the territory—doing there what Spreckels did single-handed in Philadelphia. That would let you get a better price for sugar and give us a chance to increase our manufacturing and commercial interests. Under arrangements like these Los Angeles would be only too glad to divide tourists with you. You could afford a round-trip rate of \$75."

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## SPRING TERM OF Y. W. C. A. FIELD DAY FOR ATHLETES

### New Athletic Classes "Boys of Honolulu" Are Organized for Today. Grounds Open on March 18.

The spring term of classes at the Y. M. C. A. begins today and it is earnestly requested that all who wish to join the classes will send in their names as early as possible.

In the gymnasium there will be classes for beginners as well as for those more advanced in the work. Fencing will be taken up in all the ladies' classes and several private classes have also been formed for this branch of work. Hockey will replace basket ball for out-door work and as the hockey sticks have arrived from the coast, this will start also with the beginning of the term. The rates for the classes are \$5 for twenty-four lessons or \$2.50 for twelve lessons and in combination with hockey \$1 extra.

The schedule for other classes is as follows:

Embroidery—Mrs. H. H. Williams, Tuesday, 9:30 to 11:30 a. m.; eight lessons for \$2.

Pyrography—Ernest Parker, Tuesday and Friday, 4 to 6 p. m.; six lessons, \$2.50.

Art Work—Mrs. R. D. Myers, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday; oil, pastel, crayon and pen and ink; 75 cents a lesson and use of paints for six lessons.

Hawaiian Weaving—Miss Hannah Keanu, Wednesday, 4 p. m.; eight lessons for \$1.

Stenography, lace-making and china painting, as previously announced in the prospectus.

Miss Edythe Muriel Crosett, recently from San Francisco, will open classes in elocution, grace and voice culture in the Y. W. C. A. rooms Tuesday and Friday afternoons at 2:30.

Miss Crosett is a graduate of the De Forest Institute in San Francisco and has also studied with Leo Cooper, but has been teaching for the past three years both in San Francisco and Alameda. Private lessons, \$1 each; class lessons, \$2 per month for one lesson a week. Terms, payable monthly in advance.

#### WHAT IS A COUGH?

A spasmodic effort to expel the mucus from the bronchial tubes. A cold causes a more abundant secretion of mucus, and when the lungs and bronchial tubes are inflamed, they are extremely sensitive to the irritation. Unless care is taken, the cold may result in pneumonia, which is swift and deadly. If the cold is a lingering one, the more leisurely but equally fatal consumption may set in. Do not neglect a cold or cough. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It always cures and cures quickly. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., Wholesale Agents sell it.

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The Field Day of the "Boys of Honolulu" will be held March 18. The date was set last evening by the committee comprising Messrs. Anderson, of Punahou, Livingstone of Kamehameha, Young of the Y. M. C. A. and Babbitt and Allan Dunn.

Theodore Richards presented the matter of the field day to the committee. He offered a silver cup to be won by the club obtaining the greatest number of points in three years.

The plan is to introduce the new athletic field of the "Boys of Honolulu," which is the successor in name of the Boys' Brigade. After this Field Day, which is open to all clubs already in existence, it will be followed by another for the "Boys of Honolulu" only.

Allan Dunn was selected as chairman of the committee, with Mr. Livingstone as secretary. They will send out invitations today to all athletic organizations, including the H. A. C's, Malles, Punahou, Kamehamehas, Artillery, Y. M. C. A., High School, Iolani College, St. Louis College, Scottish Thistle Club, etc. The club entries must be in by February 15.

The program was arranged as follows: 50-yard dash; 100-yard dash; 220-yard dash; 220 yards hurdle race; quarter mile; half mile; high jump; broad jump; pole vault; shotput; hammer throw; relay race.

As there may be some clubs which would not appear to advantage in the above program the committee will add other events, consisting of throwing a baseball and drop kick for football, which will give them three points each. One point each will be given for a potato race and three-legged race.

The track will be one of the best. It is a quarter of a mile stretch made of crushed stone covered with cinders and packed down hard. It is to be completed in five weeks. Bleachers will probably be erected, and an entrance to the inner field will permit carriages to go in.

The winners will be crowned in the Olympian manner with malle leis.

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